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REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Malta: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the need to continue the process of revitalization and restructuring of the principal organs of the United Nations,

Recalling the recommendation of the President of the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session that the role of the Trusteeship Council should be further enhanced through the additional role of holding in trust for humanity its common heritage and common concerns in the interest of future generations, 1/

Taking note of Trusteeship Council resolution 2200 (LXI) of 25 May 1994, establishing that the Council shall meet as and where occasion may require, by decision of the Trusteeship Council, or by decision of its President, or at the request of a majority of its members, or at the request of the General Assembly, or at the request of the Security Council acting in pursuance of the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations,

Also taking note of the recommendations made and views expressed by the Secretary-General, 2/ and by Member States, on the future of the Trusteeship Council,

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1/ See A/45/PV.82; see also A/50/142.

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/49/1); ibid., Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/50/33).

Noting the report of the Commission on Global Governance, "Our Global Neighbourhood", in which it was recommended that the Trusteeship Council be given a new mandate over the global commons in the context of concern for the security of the planet, 3/

Recognizing the importance of the work being undertaken by those international authorities, agencies and United Nations bodies mandated to protect different aspects and areas of the common heritage of mankind in the interest of present and future generations,

Conscious of the need to avoid institutional fragmentation and duplication of effort through the effective coordination of activities related to the common heritage of mankind,

Convinced of the need for the General Assembly to include in its deliberations on the strengthening of the United Nations system those proposals that have been made relative to the future of the Trusteeship Council,

Bearing in mind the need to continue to ensure and enhance the efficiency of the United Nations system,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to invite Member States to submit, not later than 30 June 1996, written comments on the future of the Trusteeship Council, including proposals to enhance the Trusteeship Council through an additional role as trustee of the common heritage of mankind;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, for its consideration, a report containing comments made by Member States on the subject;

3. Reaffirms the importance of the General Assembly's open-ended high-level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System in undertaking a thorough review of studies and reports of independent commissions, non-governmental organizations, institutions, scholars and other experts on subjects relating to the revitalization, strengthening and reform of the United Nations system and recommends specific attention to studies and reports relative to the future of the Trusteeship Council;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Review of the role of the Trusteeship Council".

3/ A/50/79-S/1995/106.